

5 March 1987
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--February 1987

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. On 16 February the bureau monitored from Jordan Television an interview with Abba Eban, Chairman of the Israeli Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, in Hebrew. Video and audio cassettes of the interview were sent to Tel Aviv Bureau via the weekly Amman-Jerusalem courier pouch.

B. Lateral Services

1. Despite the minimize which is still imposed on all traffic to Baghdad, bureau is complying with a request from Amembassy Baghdad for all war related items.

2. During the month the bureau completed a project for a special consumer in Washington involving the non-news content of Baghdad Voice of the PLO radio. Five revolutionary "poems" were translated from the "Victory or Victory" feature program and pouched to headquarters, along with recordings of poetry and revolutionary music from the program.

C. Technical

1. The bureau recently experienced a problem with its IBM PC/XT system used in the communications section for the BACH program. The problem was post fact isolated as electromagnetic interference caused by a vacuum cleaner being operated in close proximity to the system, which caused the database to mix fields. The complete database had to be rebuilt since the backup copies were also found to be faulty. The bureau coordinated with RAB/ADD on solving the problem and on defining a more secure way of backing up the database files.

2. The CAAS-R program was used in the production of the statistics for the monthly production report, attached. It is hoped that the new format and print face will aid in the report's readability.

3. Bureau part-time contract admin assistant [] has been trained on the use of Telex, and now punches all outgoing Telex messages for the embassy. The point of the exercise is to reduce the workload of the commo section.

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II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. New monitor candidate [] has been put in process for a possible EOD by the middle of March. With his EOD, the bureau will have a

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full complement of Arabic monitors for the first time since we took over the bulk of Gulf Bureau's coverage.

2. Monitor Supervisor [] received a PSI to FBN-11/5, and monitor [] a PSI to FBN-9/3 both effective 15 February.

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III. VISITS

A. To the Bureau

1. BBC Newsburo Chief Callum MacKechnie on 2-3 March, for bureau orientation and briefing.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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ATT: Monthly Production Report

Amman Bureau Production Report for February 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	301480
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	62070
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	901

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7250.00 min.	19260.00 min.	165.00 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BAHRAIN

Manama WAKH in Arabic	8010
Manama WAKH in English	380

EGYPT

Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in Arabic	3950
Cairo AL-AHALI in Arabic	2180
Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic	2440
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in Arabic	7490
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic	6060
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in Arabic	8710
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in Arabic	0
Cairo UKTUBAR in Arabic	1150

FRANCE

Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic	14720
Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic	0
Paris AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI in Arabic	0

IRAQ

Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	2080
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	28590		
Baghdad Voice of the PLO in Arabic	17010		
Baghdad INA in Arabic		22770	
Baghdad INA in English		0	
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic			0
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	0		
JORDAN			
Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	10090		
Amman Domestic Service in English	590		
Amman Television Service in Arabic	6320		
Amman Television Service in English	0		
Amman Petra JNA in Arabic		2000	
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic			0
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic			5300
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic			5180
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English			4350
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic			3780
Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English			2660
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			9820
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			10270
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM Arabic			2030

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Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic			5300
Kuwait KUWAIT TIMES in English			910
LEBANON			
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic	0		
OMAN			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	3090		
Muscat ONA in Arabic		0	
Muscat 'UMAN in Arabic			3250
Muscat OMAN DAILY OBSERVER in English			1700
QATAR			
Doha QNA in Arabic		2860	
SAUDI ARABIA			
Al-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			720
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic			0
Riyadh AL-RIYAD in Arabic			0
Jeddah 'UKAZ in Arabic			0
Jeddah SAUDI GAZETTE in English			0
SUDAN			
Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait		0	
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic		13680	
Khartoum SUNA in English		8690	
SYRIA			
Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	37290		

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Damascus Television Service in
Arabic
Damascus SANA in
Arabic

3380

910

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
Abu Dhabi WAM in
Arabic
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in
Arabic
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in
Arabic
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in
Arabic

460

780

6980

5440

YEMEN

Sanaa Domestic Service in
Arabic
Sanaa Voice of Palestine in
Arabic

6320

11790